

PROTESTS AGAINST WORDS USED BY TRIBUNAL OFFICIAL

The Hague, Feb. 27.—Mitsubishi Noboukata, the Japanese minister here, has been instructed by his government to lodge a protest with the president of the council of the permanent court of arbitration against the language used by M. Muraviev, president of the arbitration tribunal and Russian minister of justice, in a speech he made after announcing the tribunal's decision in favor of the blockading powers as against Venezuela.

M. Muraviev, in the course of his remarks, said the findings of the tribunal had been reached after a most minute and most impartial investigation. Like all human acts, the deci-

sion was susceptible to criticism, but now it was made every one should accept it. The arbitration, begun in times of peace, had ended amid the sinister acts of war, which was a terrible obstacle in the path of light and progress. In spite of all good will, alas, no one was secure against an unexpected hostile attack.

A nation was obliged to accept a war when the legitimate defense of honor and liberty was involved. The just Providence which ruled over battles would distinguish between right and unfounded pretensions. At the end of this war between a European and Asiatic people, the right, he concluded, would shine out afresh.

HORSE BAG OF BONES.

Strange Case of Cruelty to Animals at Baker City.

Baker City, Feb. 26.—A case before Justice Mesick, wherein the defendant, Jonathan Lea, was charged with the crime of cruelty to animals, has attracted more than ordinary attention because the animal, a beautiful white horse, belonging to Mrs. C. A. Hosier is known all over the county.

Don is an old horse, but he has always had the best of care, and for several years has attracted the attention of strangers who have remarked his spotless whiteness. Mrs. Hosier washed him frequently with soap and water and kept him in the pink of condition, as regards flesh.

Last fall Mrs. Hosier arranged with Lea, a professional caretaker of horses to care for Don during the fall and winter, stipulating that he was to have extra feed of grain and to be blanketed every night. About three weeks ago Lea came in and said the horse was sick. Mr. and Mrs. Hosier drove out in the country to see him and found instead of the pretty plump little horse they had sent out, a skeleton covered with raw hide. Don was brought to town and is now having the best of care. He is said to have gained over 100 pounds in flesh since his return, but he can scarcely stand alone even now. He was nothing but skin and bone the day when the jury went out to see him, while they were trying the case against Lea.

The jury did not convict Lea, however, four being for conviction and two for acquittal. Another trial of the case will follow soon.

HAIL STONE INCH THICK.

Terrible Wind Storm at Mount Tabor, Houses Being Wrecked.

Portland, Feb. 26.—The severest wind storm for a period of 20 years occurred today at north Mount Tabor. The storm lasted for about half an hour and was accompanied by a hail-storm, some of the stones being more than an inch in diameter. The storm wrecked about a dozen houses. There were no fatalities, though there were several close escapes and numerous persons more or less hurt. The storm reached a climax at the house of T. H. Starbuck, elder of the Adventist church, which was wrecked. Starbuck, who was in his bath room, was saved by his bath-tub, which prevented the falling timbers from reaching him. His wife and daughter, who were in the kitchen, were protected in a similar manner by the cook stove.

A member of parliament in Australia recently received from an indignant constituent, who had asked him in vain for a "billet" (a job in politics), the following unique letter: "Dear Sir—You're a dam fraud, and you know it. I don't care a rap for the billet or for the money either, but I do object to being made an internal rule of. Soon as you was elected by my hard-working friends a feller wanted to bet that you wouldn't be in the house morn a week before you made a ass of yourself. I bet him a Cow on that, as I thought

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. J. J. Bumer, representing the eastern banks involved in the failure of the E. R. Dumont Publishing Company, is in the city to dispose of the assets. The stock consists of encyclopedias, histories, works on literature, Shakespeare, Voltaire and other standard publications.

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By order of the Board of Directors of School District No. 1, Clatsop County, Oregon. Dated February 25, 1904. CHAS. HEILBORN, County Treasurer.

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